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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF N. C.,  
RALEIGH, July 10th, 1868.

*To the Hon. TOD R. CALDWELL, President of the Senate :*

SIR:—In pursuance of a resolution passed by the Senate on the 6th instant, I herewith transmit a copy of General Orders, No. 131, just received at this Department.

Very respectfully,

W. W. HOLDEN,  
*Governor of North Carolina.*

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND MILITARY DISTRICT,  
CHARLESTON, S. C., July 6, 1868.

GENERAL ORDERS, {  
No. 131. }

In view of the approaching termination of the military authority derived from and exercised by virtue of the Act of Congress passed March 2. 1867, entitled "An Act to provide for the more efficient government of the rebel States," and the Acts supplementary thereto, which laws are about to become inoperative by reason of the fulfilment of the conditions and limitations prescribed by the provisions thereof: And the State of North Carolina having, by its Legislature, ratified the constitutional amendment known as Article Fourteen, the following instructions are promulgated for the information